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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Office Action mailed 02 September 2008. A Restriction was issued between two allegedly distinct inventions: Group I, Claims 1-23, 29-49 and 54, drawn to a printing device including a substrate being charged by heating elements embodied as at least one of infrared radiation devices, hot-air, and blowers; and Group II, Claims 1-22, 24-48 and 50-54, drawn to a printing device including a substrate being charged with heat energy by one of a metal tape heating and a metal foil heating device.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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